

Timber Lakes Representatives Meet With County Officials

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The Wasatch County Commission conceded last Wednesday morning that some roads through the Timber Lakes recreational subdivision may be safe, and serve the public, without being as wide as 26 feet, but they refuse to budge on any concessions that may risk public safety, especially regarding fire dangers.

Whatever is decided regarding the 2,000-lot subdivision will set precedents for other developments. In addition, the emergency plan that is worked out for Timber Lakes can serve as a model for other mountain subdivisions.

The commissioners called a special meeting with fire and planning officials, the sheriff, members of the Timber Lakes Homeowners Association board, and the developer Veigh Cummings, to discuss

- Although an escape plan would designate the main road as an exit, that also is the only way for emergency vehicles to enter.

- The breakdown of a single vehicle on either the main road or an exit road could make the road unpassable by residents trying to leave or emergency vehicles trying to get in.

- It would be natural for people to assume a lake would be a safe zone, but fire can cross a lake, using up the surface oxygen, and smoke can overcome a person in a lake.

- Even if all the Timber Lakes homeowners had maps designating escape routes and safe zones, many of the people in the subdivision are visitors, especially on weekends.

- All exits are narrow, and ultimately

head west and downhill to the same county road, which emergency vehicles made need to use as an entrance; the west side also is covered with scrub oak, which can fuel a fire like gasoline; in addition some 350 propane tanks are scattered through the subdivision.

- A person can't outrun a wildfire.

In addition, one of the homeowners claims the only road out that is passable by two-wheel drive passenger cars is the main road, but Cummings disagrees.

To demonstrate the number of people and vehicles that would have to be considered in any escape plan, Bud Breeze, vice president of the homeowners association, said that during one weekend in which there

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Please make sure your kids know the laws when they hop on their bikes. Kids are supposed to obey the laws to protect themselves. Riders must obey the laws to protect

by Sonni Schwinn

that became too technical for me to follow. I think water issues better than they did to begin with. I think they've read in *The Wave* can thank I

Because Dave's assignment for the year was to write a paper against all attempts to take it, we often found him in an adversarial position. But, out of kindness, he never turned his adversary into an enemy. He held his ground when defending his position, but was so gracious and inoffensive that he soon became willing to compromise.